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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY  
PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL GEARS

1. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (DIC) HAS INVITED  
SUBMISSIONS ON THE QUESTION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTION AGAINST  
IMPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL GEARS, GEAR BOXES AND COUPLINGS FALLING  
WITHIN AUSTRALIAN TARIFF ITEMS 84.63.500 AND 84.63.990.  
SUBMISSIONS ARE REQUIRED BY DIC NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER  
30, 1977.

2. U.S. IS MAJOR SUPPLIER OF GOODS FALLING WITHIN THESE  
ITEMS. IMPORT STATISTICS FOR FY76 SET OUT BELOW (FIGURES  
IN A DOLS, VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM U.S., PCT OF TOTAL IMPORTS,  
VALUE OF TOTAL IMPORTS):

(A) COMPLETE GEAR BOXES, ITEM 84.63.990 STAT KEY 213

(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 1,007,938, 26PCT 3,905,847

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 3,369,447, 60PCT 5,636,373

(B) WORM HEARS COMPLETE, ITEM 84.63.500 STAT KEY 17

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(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 10,075, 2PCT 491,671

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 4,516, 4PCT 106,721

(C) COUPLINGS ITEM 84.63.990, STAT KEY 75

(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 310,329, 45PCT 693,334

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 228,991, 63PCT 366,647

(D) GEAR BOX AND GEAR PARTS, ITEM 84.63.990 STAT KEY 224

(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 654,664, 36PCT 1,803,661

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 225,012, 23PCT 965,522

(E) WORM GEAR PARTS, ITEM 84.63.500 STAT KEY 28

(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 7,466, 2PCT 449,380

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 4,837, 50PCT 9,648

(F) COUPLING PARTS, ITEM 84.63.990, STAT KEY 86

(I) NORMAL CLEARANCES: 91,402, 36PCT 253,019

(II) BY-LAW CLEARANCES: 67,428, 86PCT 78,265

3. REQUESTS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION ARE INITIALLY RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED BY DIC, AFTER WHICH THEY MAY BE REFERRED TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION. IF DIC SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 30 DECIDES TO REFER CASE TO TAA, LATTER WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT ITS REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DATE OF REFERENCE. TAA WOULD HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT WHICH INTERESTED PARTIES MAY MAKE SUBMISSIONS. IT WOULD ALSO CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS PREVIOUSLY MADE TO DIC IN INITIAL STAGES OF INVESTIGATION.

4. USDOC MAY WISH TO NOTIFY THIS ACTION TO APPROPRIATE U.S. MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS. POSTS MAY WISH TO ALERT AUSTRALIAN AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTORS.

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